

# FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

May 13, 2013

## A. CALL TO ORDER:

The County Board of Ford County met pursuant to adjournment in the Ford County Board Room of the Ford County Jail in Paxton on Monday, May 2013, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman, Rick Bowen.

## B. ROLL CALL:

The roll call showed the following board members in attendance: Bob Lindgren, Jason Johnson, Dave Hastings, Randy Ferguson, Tom McQuinn, Gene May, Randy Berger, Tim Nuss, Elynor Stagen and Chairman Bowen. Pat Haskins and Floyd Otto were absent.

## C. PROCLAMATION:

Sheriff Doran

## D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION:

Floyd Otto

## E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Berger moved that the April 8, 2013 board minutes be approved. Mr. McQuinn seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

## F. COMMUNICATIONS:

## G. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

Kirk Allen, from Kansas, IL., who is a co-owner of the Edgar County Watchdogs, said that on February 4, 3 people begged for help in regard to keeping the people from the Ford Iroquois Public Health Dept. accountable for their spending actions. He read a statement explaining the disclosures that were found. He challenged the board to prove that his reporting was incorrect.

Mr. Doug Corbett, Ford Iroquois Public Health Department administrator, was asked questions by board members in regard to the accusations in regard to FOIA and the bids for the solar panels. States Attorney, Matt Fitton, advised that there is pending litigation in regard to the FOIA documents and that the board needs to be very careful with their questions. Mr. Corbett said that they have been working on the FOIA requests and he feels that he did nothing wrong in regard to how he handled the solar panel bids.

## H. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Mr. Berger moved to accept the monthly reports of the County Clerk, Coroner, Supervisor of Assessments, Sheriff, EMA, Zoning and Highway and to place them on file. Mr. McQuinn seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

## I. REPORT OF PROBATION OFFICER:

Cassy Taylor presented her report. She said that she attended the Finance Committee Meeting and asked the committee if she could change her request for a credit card to a First National debit card. Mr. Ferguson moved to **allow the probation department to have a debit card**. Mr. Hastings seconded it.

Roll Call - Unanimous

## J. REPORT OF CIRCUIT CLERK:

Mrs. Evans said that they will have a special audit tomorrow. She also informed the board about the telephone scam for warrants for people's arrests.

## K. REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

Treasurer Hastings presented her report. The total cash on hand is \$317,879.42. The tax bills were sent

out on Monday. The tax sale date will be held on October 23, at 1:00 p.m. in the small court room.

Mr. Johnson moved to approve the Probation, Circuit Clerk and Treasurers monthly reports and to place them on file. Mr. Berger seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

#### **L. OPPORTUNITY FOR DEPARTMENT HEADS TO ADDRESS BOARD:**

Sheriff Doran explained the need for Underground Storage Tank Insurance. The premium for the county's 3 tanks will cost \$2664.00 per year. He also talked about the FOP contract.

#### **M. CHAIRMAN REPORT:**

Mr. Bowen met with Doug Corbett in regard to the Public Health Department. Bowen encouraged the board members to personally talk with Mr. Corbett for questions they may have.

#### **N. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

##### **1. Environment**

##### **2. Finance**

Mrs. Stagen moved to **approve payment of the General Fund bills.**

Mr. Berger seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

(Mr. Hastings abstained from the Treasurers bills)

Mrs. Stagen talked about the 2012 audit and **moved to accept the audit.** Mr. Hastings seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

The levy request made by the U of I Extension will be voted on at next month's meeting.

##### **3. Highway**

Mr. Berger moved to **approve payment of the Highway bills.** Mr. Lindgren seconded the motion

Roll Call – Unanimous

##### **4. Insurance/Personnel**

Mr. McQuinn moved to adopt **Resolution 13-19 (to approve the CMS Health Insurance contract).**

The premiums will be the same for the upcoming year. Mrs. Stagen seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

The Insurance and Personnel Committee Minutes for the April 18, 2013 meeting will be provided next month.

##### **5. Overview/Legislation.**

##### **6. Sheriff**

Mr. Lindgren moved to **approve payment of the Sheriff, County Housing, EMA & Coroner bills.** Mr. McQuinn seconded the motion.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Lindgren moved to **approve the Underground Storage Tank insurance premium** for an annual cost of \$2664.00. Mr. McQuinn seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Lindgren moved to **approve the FOP contract**, which will be in effect for 3 years. Mr. McQuinn seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

##### **7. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:**

Mr. Ferguson moved that the written and verbal reports of the committees be accepted as presented and placed on file. Mr. Berger seconded the motion.

Voice Vote – Carried

#### **O. SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS:**

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| 1. Mobile Region 8<br>Will meet next month                                                    | Doran/Lindgren       |
| 2. Union Affairs                                                                              | Haskins/Bowen/Stagen |
| 3. Eastern Illinois Economic Development Authority                                            | Stagen/Berger        |
| 4. 708 Board                                                                                  | Mr. Berger           |
| 5. WIA<br>Ford County will be hosting the May 16, meeting in the small courtroom at 9:00 a.m. | Bowen/Hastings       |
| 6. Ford-Iroquois Board of Health                                                              | Mrs. Stagen          |
| 7. Regional Office of Education                                                               | Bowen/Stagen         |
| 8. ECIEDD<br>The Community Economic Development Foundation is no longer.                      | Mr. Ferguson         |
| 9. 9-1-1                                                                                      | Mr. Johnson          |
| 10. Zoning                                                                                    | Mr. Johnson          |
| 11. CIRMA<br>Next meeting will be July 30 <sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.                         | Bowen/Nuss/ McQuinn  |
| 12. Extension                                                                                 | Johnson/Hastings     |
| 13. E.M.A.                                                                                    | Mr. Higgins          |

**P. OLD BUSINESS:**

**Q. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

**R. NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Ferguson moved to adopt **Resolution 13-20 (Re-appointing Robert Link and Michael Griffin to the Ford County Board of Review)**. Mr. Hastings seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

Mr. Berger moved to adopt **Resolution 13-21 (Re-appointing and approving bond of Trustee, William K. Berry, of the Piper City Fire District)**. Mr. Ferguson seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

Mr. Lindgren moved to adopt **Resolution 13-22 (Re-appointing Richard Amsden as Trustee of the Ludlow Fire Department)**. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Voice Vote – Carried

Mrs. Stagen moved to adopt **Resolution 13-23 (Re-appointing Laurie Finch as Resident Commissioner and to re-appoint Ron Lantz as Commissioner to the Ford County Housing Authority)**. Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

Mr. Ferguson moved to adopt **Resolution 13-24 (to appoint Joe Higgins to replace Adam Elder on the Emergency Telephone System Board)**. Mr. Johnson seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

**S. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**T. ADJOURNMENT:**

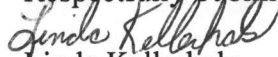
Mr. Ferguson moved to adjourn; Mr. Berger seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 9:10 P.M.

**U. PROCLAMATION**

Sheriff Doran

The next monthly meeting will be Monday, June 10, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Linda Kellerhals  
County Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_